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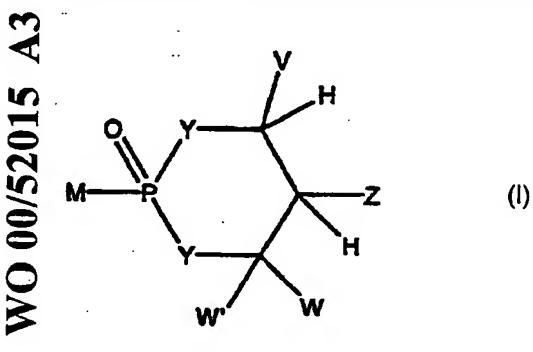
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(57) Abstract: Novel cyclic phosphoramidate prodrugs of drugs of formula (I) of parent drugs MH their use in delivery of drugs to the liver, their use in enhancing oral bioavailability, and their method of preparation are described.

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Boxi	Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)
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1. X	Claims Nos.: 58-109, 112-149, 110, 111, 167-175 because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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Although claims 110 and 111 are directed to a diagnostic method practised on the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Although claims 58-88, 97-109, 112-149 are directed to a method of treatment of the animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

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Claims Nos.: 58-109, 112-149, 110, 111, 167-175

110, 111: Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Diagnostic method practised on the human or animal body 58-109, 112-149: Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy

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Claims Nos.: 168-175, 89-96

Claim 89 shows a compound which is designated "formula I" but differs from formula I as shown in claim 1. Furthermore the compound of claim 89 does not contain P, but 6 binding N. Hence, the scope of claims 89-96 is obscure.

The category of the two claims 168 is not clear (prodrug or use of compound of formula I?).

The category of claims 169-175 is not clear (product or process?)

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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1. Claims: completely 22-26,38-41,47, 49-57; partially claims 1-21,27-30,32-37,46,48, 58-88,97-166

Compounds of formula I in which Z is H (W and V are connect or not) their preparation, use and intermediates

2. Claims: partially 1-22,27-30,32-37, 46,48,58-88,97-166

Compounds of formula I in which Z is connected to the cycle via 0, S, N (Z = 0R, SR etc.), (W and V are connected or not), their preparation, use and intermediates

3. Claims: completely 30, 31, 42-45 partially claims 1-22, 27-30,32, 35-37,46,48,58-88,97-166

Compounds of formula I in which Z is connected to the cycle via a carbon atom, (W and V are connect or not), their preparation, use and intermediates

4. Claims: partially 1-19, 58-88, 97-166

Compounds of formula I in which Z and V are connected, their preparation, use and intermediates

5. Claims: partially 1-29, 58-88, 97-166

Compounds of formula I in which Z and W are connected, their preparation, use and intermediates

6. Claims: partially claims 1-19,58-88,97-166

Compounds of formula I in which W' and W are connected, their preparation, use and intermediates

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